



Ascension Day Service.

De Molay Commandery,

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS,
BOSTON, MASS.

TRINITY CHURCH,

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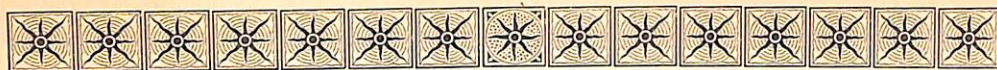


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✠ The Order for Evening Prayer. ✠



Processional.

Hymn 232. "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

¶ The Minister will begin the Service by reading the following Sentences of Holy Scripture.

THE Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. *Hab. ii. 20.*

From the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal. i. 11.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say:—

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession.

¶ To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.

¶ To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto Him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then likewise he shall say:—

O LORD, open Thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

¶ Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:—

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Proper Psalms for Ascension Day.

PSALM XXIV. *Domini est terra.*

1. THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in His holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek Him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.
10. Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Gloria Patri.

PSALM XLVII. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

1. O CLAP your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
2. For the Lord is high, and to be feared; He is the great King upon all the earth.
3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4. He shall choose out an heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob, whom He loved.
5. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
6. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
8. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon His holy seat.
9. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; for God which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Gloria Patri.

PSALM CIII. *Benedic, anima mea.*

1. PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His Holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
3. Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;
4. Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7. He showed His ways unto Moses, His works unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. He will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth He His anger for ever.
10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.
12. Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath He set our sins from us.
13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.
14. For He knoweth whereof we are made, He remembereth that we are but dust.
15. The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
16. For as soon as the wind bloweth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him; and His righteousness upon children's children;
18. Even upon such as keep His covenant, and think upon His commandments to do them.
19. The Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven, and His kingdom ruleth over all.
20. O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfill His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.
21. O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye servants of His that do His pleasure.
22. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Gloria Patri.

The First Lesson.

- ¶ Then shall the First Lesson be read, all being seated. 2 Kings, ii: 1-12.
¶ And this Canticle shall be sung:—

Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things.
With His own right hand, and with His holy arm, hath He gotten Himself the victory.
The Lord declared His salvation; His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for He cometh to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity.

Gloria Patri.

The Second Lesson.

- ¶ Then shall the Second Lesson be read, all being seated. St. Luke, xxiv: v. 44.
¶ And this Canticle shall be sung:—

Deus Misereatur.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise Thee, O God; yea let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Gloria Patri.

The Apostles' Creed.

COMMANDER. Attention, Sir Knights! Draw, Swords.

- ¶ Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, all standing.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended

into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMANDER. Return, Swords.

† And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the minister first pronouncing,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with Thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Ans. And grant us Thy salvation.

Min. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Ans. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for Ascension Day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite, Have mercy upon this whole land, and so rule the hearts of Thy servants the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek Thine honor and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering Whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Special Prayers.

Minister. We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember all the members of this Order, and all their faithful Brethren and Companions wheresoever dispersed throughout the world. Look upon the sick with the eyes of Thy mercy; Comfort them with a sense of Thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy, lift up Thy countenance upon them and give them peace. Bless the well in their lying down and in their rising up, in their going out and in their coming in. Fill Thou their basket and their store. Go with them in their journeyings. Abide with all whom they may leave behind, so that, in joy returning, they may find their own in peace remaining, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Knights. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember, all the lawfully constituted bodies of our Order, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and all our Commanderies, grand and constituent. Bless them with peace, prosperity and piety, and direct them in all their doings, with Thy most gracious favor, that in all their works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, they may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Knights. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember, all the Officers of our Order, and especially the Most Eminent Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States: The Right Eminent Grand Commander and other Officers of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Eminent Commander and Officers and members of this Commandery here assembled in Thy name and presence. May the words of their mouths, and the meditations of their hearts, and the actions of their lives, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer.

Knights. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 116.

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,—
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Peace!
Whose power a sceptre sways
In heaven and earth, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
One with the Father known,
And the blest Spirit, through Him given
From yonder Triune throne!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Sermon.

By the Rev. Sir A. ST. JOHN CHAMBRE, D. D.

Offertory.

[The Offertory will be applied to the benefit of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents.]

ANTHEM, "The Lord is My Strength." Smart.

Hymn 424. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Coronation.

The Blessing.

Recessional.

¶ To be sung as the Sir Knights pass out.

THE Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
And triumph over pain,
Who patient bear His cross below—
He follows in His train.

The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky,
And call'd on Him to save:
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue,
In midst of mortal pain,
He pray'd for them that did the wrong:
Who follows in His train?

A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came:
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mock'd the cross and flame:
They met the tyrant's brandish'd steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bow'd their necks the death to feel:
Who follows in their train?

A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,
In robes of light array'd:
They climb'd the dizzy steep of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!

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